

REMARKS

1. Claims 1-20 are pending. Of these claims, claims 1, 2, and 14 stand rejected and claims 3-13 and 15-20 stand allowed. This communication amends claims 2 and 14 and cancels claim 1. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.
2. Claims 1, 2 and 14 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over United States Patent No. 5,885,727 to Kawatsu ("Kawatsu") in view of United States Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0044674 A1 to Mallari *et al.* ("Mallari").
In response, claim 1 has been cancelled and claims 2 and 14 have been amended to depend from allowed claim 3. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.
3. In view of the foregoing amendments, it is believed that the instant application is in condition for allowance. Should there be any questions or matters whose resolution may be advanced by a telephone call, the examiner is cordially invited to contact applicants' undersigned attorney at his number listed below.
4. No fees are due as a result of this communication. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17, which are associated with this communication, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2061.

Respectfully submitted,



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